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# *ANNUAL REPORT*

**Financial Assistance for Innocent Victims of Violent Crime**

## *Kentucky* Crime Victims Compensation Board



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## Letter from the executive director

Six years of budget shortfalls and ever-decreasing court-cost revenue have delayed payment of crime victims' claims to about three years, and sexual assault exam claims to around nine months. This is due in large part to the court cost dilemma, which began in 2009 with local county attorneys diverting traffic violations from court dockets, thereby eliminating court costs for these cases. These diversion programs (traffic schools) were not codified until 2012 and 2014.

To counter this devastating financial trend, efforts are under way to establish a stable, statutory General Fund revenue source for CVC, and increase the amount we are receiving now for sexual assault exams.

On the positive front, I am continuing to collaborate on the highly successful State Victims Assistance Academy for KY (SVAACKY), which is providing exceptional training to advocates across the state. I also was given the opportunity to speak at the outstanding annual statewide Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference.

Part of the federal grant which is designated for training enabled six staff members to attend the national association annual conference in Boston, where interaction with fellow compensation programs and national speakers allowed for the exchange of valuable information.

The biggest news this year is that we applied for and have been awarded an \$86,000 grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), to replace our 16-year-old database / case management system that never has been fully functional. This will significantly improve efficiency and enable us to provide the data required for the federal grant – which has newly-revised and expanded requirements – and other data reporting requests.

We, as always, continue to respectfully and compassionately meet the needs, as best we are able, of Kentucky's victims of violent crime.

Respectfully,




## A brief agency history / description



The national Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) passed in 1984, and through the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) began disseminating the first assistance grants to the states in 1986. By then, Kentucky's Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) was already more than a decade old. Established on June 19, 1976 (KRS 346), the CVCB was one of the country's first such entities with jurisdiction to assign relief for claims made by innocent victims of violent crime for payment or reimbursement of medical / dental expenses, mental health counseling, funeral expenses and loss of wages resulting directly from the crime.

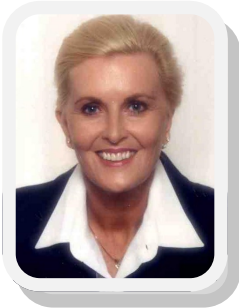
The Crime Victims Compensation Fund has been designated by the Legislature as the payer of last resort. In other words, the Board considers payment of expenses not covered by any other sources, including: medical, car or life insurance; social security benefits; Medicaid or Medicare; unemployment benefits or Worker's Compensation benefits; lawsuits and restitution.

Currently, the cap for payments is an aggregate of \$25,000, with funeral expenses paid up to \$5000 and loss of wages reimbursed up to \$150 a week. Mental health counseling can be approved for up to two years of payment.

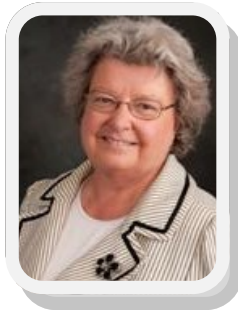
Revenue sources for payment of claims include: a Kentucky general fund allocation (designated for sexual assault exams); a restricted fund that is replenished through court costs assessments statewide; and, federal matching grants renewed on a yearly basis.

Restitution has previously been a very small part of replenishing the restricted fund, but a newly established Recovery Program and restitution officer provides promise for a more robust collection system in partnership and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

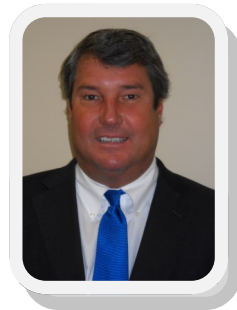
## CVC Board Members



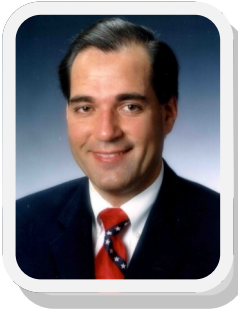
**Jo Ann Phillips**, chair, Louisville  
08/07/2006–07/01/2016



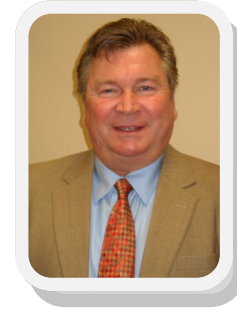
**Suzanne Cassidy**, Lexington  
07/07/2011–07/01/2015



**Larry O'Bryan**, Louisville  
08/11/2011–07/01/2015



**Michael Plummer**, Fort Mitchell  
08/19/2014–07/01/2018



**James F. Sullivan**, Frankfort  
08/07/2008–07/01/2016

*In the Voice of Victims...*

*"(CVCB's) service, which was awesome, made me feel a sort of victory."*

Jefferson County Victim / Claimant

*"The help I got was wonderful...I was able to get a beautiful stone for my husband's grave and it helped my family and me to get some closure on his death."*

Jefferson County Claimant

*"The day I was attacked was the worst day of my life. Thankfully, with the help of [CVCB] I was able to move past the nightmare by receiving the healthcare I needed and focus my energy on healing emotionally."*

Out-of-state victim

**Accomplishments**

- Awarded an \$86,000 grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to replace our 15-year-old database/case management system.
- Produced a mapping document of almost 600 pages describing the current database/case management system, and providing user requirements and expectations for a new system.
- Attended the annual National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Board Conference, in Boston, Massachusetts.

## CVCB Staff

**Virginia Woodward**, executive director  
5/01/09—present

**Jennifer Barrie**, recovery officer

02/01/09—present

**Leslie Bishop**, investigator

09/01/12—present

**Lindsay Crawford**, policy advisor

5/01/09—present

**Martin Green**, investigator

11/16/04—present

**Larry Hembree**, internal policy analyst

12/16/08—present

**Mitchell Mattingly**, counsel

08/01/00—present

**Janet Meyer**, admin spec, (temp)

02/01/10—present

**Raymond Shields**, clerk

10/08/2012—06/15/13 (temp)

06/16/13 -present

**Stephanie Vandever**, investigator

08/01/1999—present

**Chris Kellogg**, sexual assault program coordinator (temp)

01/16/2015—6/17/2015

**Cathy Greene**, sexual assault program coordinator (temp)

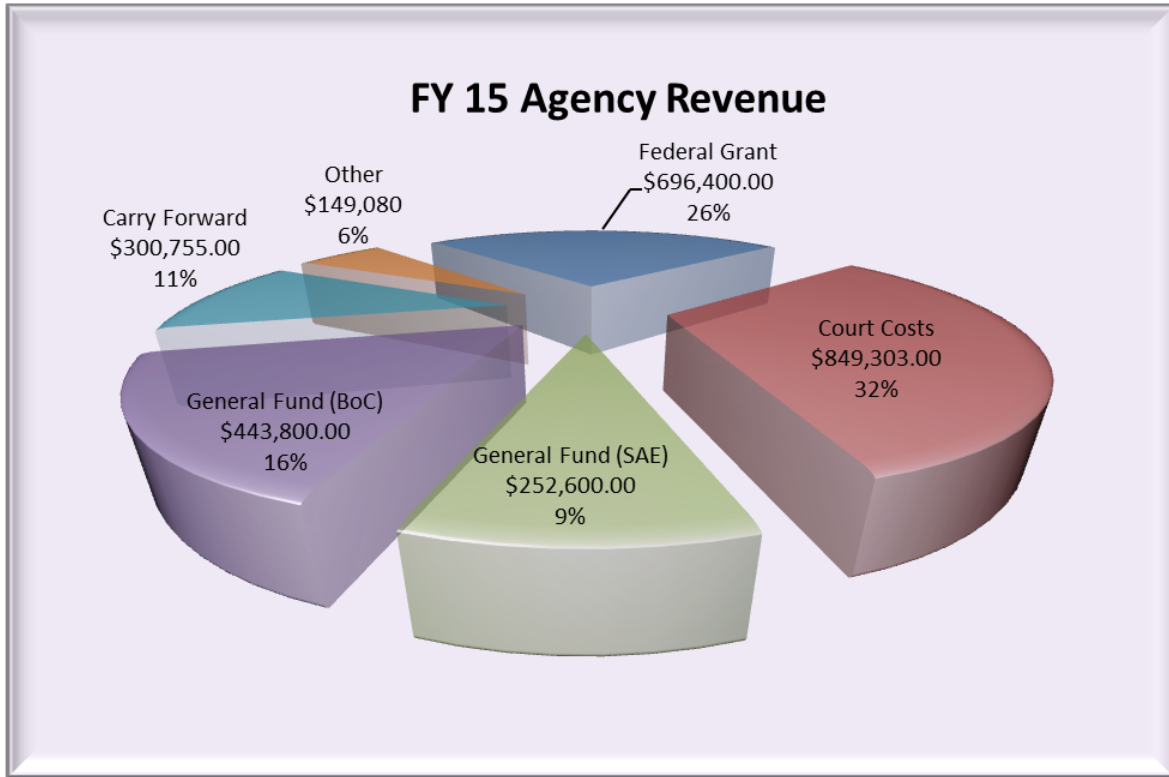
6/22/2015 - present

## CVCB Snapshot

Claims received:	<b>1181(CV—199; Sexual Assault Exams—982</b>
Claims accepted (set up):	<b>571 (CV—225; Sexual Assault Exams—346)</b>
Claims assigned to Board members:	<b>192 (CV only)</b>
Claims assigned to investigators:	<b>447(CV only)</b>
Claims awarded:	<b>594(CV—85 Sexual Assault Exams—509)</b>
Claims denied:	<b>156 (CV—62; Sexual Assault Exams—94)</b>

## Accomplishments

- Grant approved for establishing an intermediate/advanced training program for victim advocates through the State Victims Assistance Academy for KY (SVAACKY), the board on which the CVCB executive director serves.
- Collaborated with a federal and state group on establishing an intermediate/advanced training program for victim advocates through the State Victims Assistance Academy for KY (SVAACKY) to be given in 2015.
- Updated the approximately 20-year-old phone system.
- Realized \$24,000 in additional federal grant revenue from tracking/substantiating 75% off-set for Recovery Officer's time for the Federal grant application next Federal cycle.

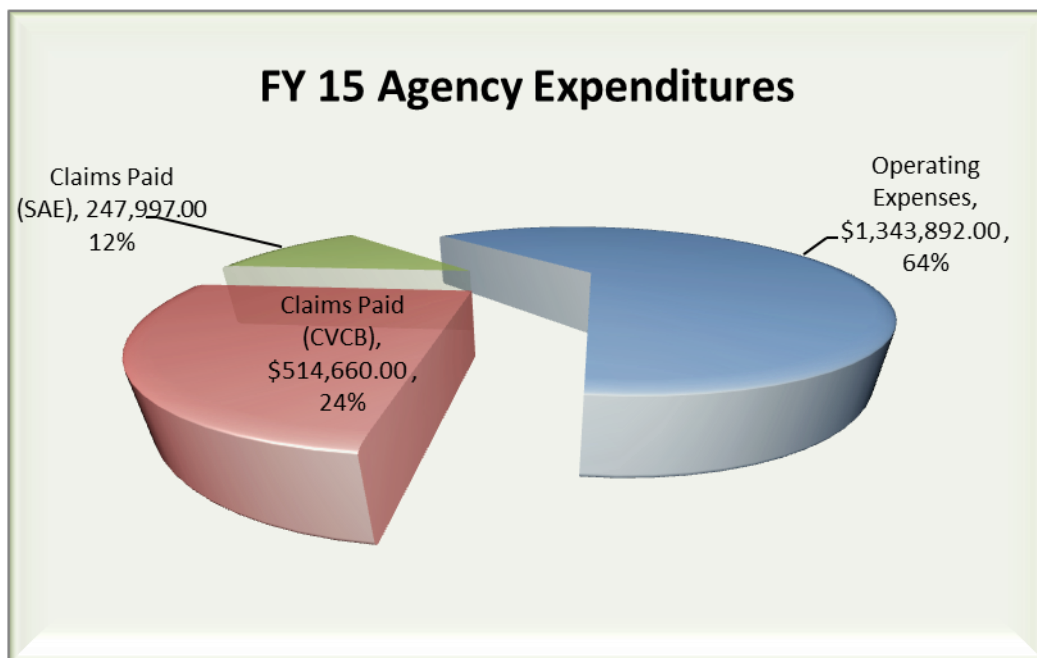


**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

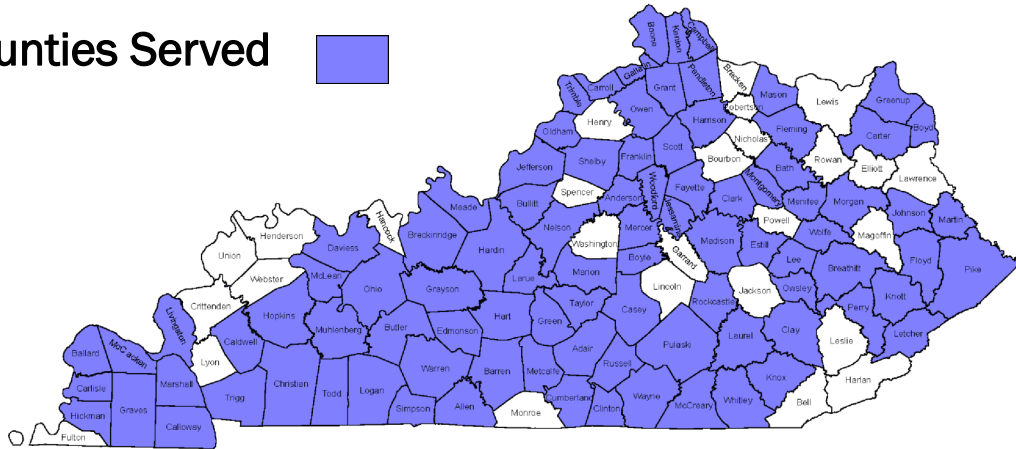
**\*"Agency" means both CVCB and the Board of Claims.**

\*The "Other" category in Revenue Sources includes restitution, subrogation, refunds, donations and miscellaneous.

\*The "Carry Forward" in Revenue Sources includes only restricted funds ("Court Costs" and the "Other" ) that are left over from the previous FY.



## Counties Served



County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Adair	\$0	2
Allen	\$4,216.36	6
Anderson	\$0	3
Ballard	\$0	1
Barren	\$24,150.35	5
Bath	\$0	1
Bell	\$0	0
Boone	\$4,080.64	15
Bourbon	\$0	0
Boyd	\$1,092.00	1
Boyle	\$567.75	3
Bracken	\$0	0
Breathitt	\$0	2
Breckinridge	\$0	1
Bullitt	\$1,300.00	6
Butler	\$2,347.60	2
Caldwell	\$0	1
Calloway	\$19,197.85	7
Campbell	\$41,490.03	16
Carlisle	\$14,956.74	0
Carroll	\$650.00	2
Carter	\$5,538.00	1
Casey	\$1,076.00	2
Christian	\$50,641.77	20
Clark	\$0	1
Clay	\$0	1

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Clinton	\$538.00	1
Crittenden	\$0	0
Cumberland	\$1,614.00	1
Daviess	\$600.00	14
Edmonson	\$530.72	2
Elliott	\$0	0
Estill	\$550.00	1
Fayette	\$63,933.43	77
Fleming	\$8,869.75	0
Floyd	\$6,614.00	4
Franklin	\$19,711.52	11
Fulton	\$0	0
Gallatin	\$5,049.70	2
Garrard	\$0	0
Grant	\$900.00	3
Graves	\$0	2
Grayson	\$0	3
Green	\$7,179.05	2
Greenup	\$0	1
Hancock	\$0	0
Hardin	\$2,201.00	16
Harlan	\$0	0
Harrison	\$19,016.27	4
Hart	\$2,152.00	2
Henderson	\$0	0
Henry	\$0	0

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Hickman	\$0	0
Hopkins	\$17,392.66	7
Jackson	\$0	0
Jefferson	\$136,680.74	78
Jessamine	\$10,675.84	4
Johnson	\$0	1
Kenton	\$35,250/42	46
Knott	\$0	1
Knox	\$8,265.17	7
Larue	\$10,000.00	0
Laurel	\$30,279.16	2
Lawrence	\$0	0
Lee	\$0	2
Leslie	\$0	0
Letcher	\$4,550.00	3
Lewis	\$0	0
Lincoln	\$0	0
Livingston	\$650.00	1
Logan	\$3,228.00	7
Lyon	\$0	0
Madison	\$1,950.00	7
Magoffin	\$0	0
Marion	\$538.00	0
Marshall	\$1,037.00	6
Martin	\$4,874.93	3
Mason	\$1,076.00	0
McCracken	\$13,891.26	17
McCreary	\$5,000.00	1
McLean	\$0	1
Meade	\$30.00	0
Menifee	\$140.93	0
Mercer	\$0	1
Metcalfe	\$335.70	3
Monroe	\$0	0
Montgomery	\$0	2

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Morgan	\$0	1
Muhlenberg	\$538.00	5
Nelson	\$918.75	2
Nicholas	\$0	0
Ohio	\$10,538.00	0
Oldham	\$1,636.97	2
Owen	\$650.00	1
Owsley	\$0	1
Pendleton	\$0	3
Perry	\$0	1
Pike	\$550.00	4
Powell	\$0	0
Pulaski	\$4,304.00	7
Robertson	\$0	0
Rockcastle	\$0	1
Rowan	\$0	0
Russell	\$6,429.45	5
Scott	\$200.00	2
Shelby	\$538.00	0
Simpson	\$1,076.00	4
Spencer	\$0	0
Taylor	\$3,352.00	6
Todd	\$0	1
Trigg	\$1,694.00	3
Trimble	\$0	1
Union	\$0	0
Warren	\$10,508.64	24
Washington	\$0	0
Wayne	\$538.00	0
Webster	\$0	0
Whitley	\$25,856.65	4
Wolfe	\$10,108.62	0
Woodford	\$200.00	2
Out of State	\$0	0

\*NOTE: If for any county a "0" appears in one column while a number appears in the other, the following may apply: in the case of SAEs, a crime occurs in one county but the service provider is in another; a claim may have been filed in one FY, but paid in another; a claim may have been filed, but denied. This data includes both crime victims compensation and sexual assault exams.





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